

**Here are some of our favorite ideas from 2008's California Arts Day. See how these arts organizations described their events. Note that some are an hour long; others take place over days or weeks. Some target children; some are discipline specific. Many are free events. Some charge admission. Take a look and find inspiration for your own local event. What can YOU and YOUR ORGANIZATION do for 2009 California Arts Day?**

**24-hour Lockdown for Art! hosted by ICB Artists Association in Sausalito**

In a 24-hour period, members of the ICB Artists Association, the largest group of California artists under one roof, will create brand new works of art AND mount a show and reception for the public to enjoy! The show will be spun around the question: What can happen when dozens of artists lock themselves in their enormous studio building for 24 hours of intense art-making with no particular themes or rules? From 5pm Friday to 3pm Saturday, artists will work around the clock on their own individual or collaborative projects. At 3pm on Saturday, all work stops and a show will be mounted after which the doors will open at 5pm to the public and press, and a grand reception will be held. A variety of awards will be given, with focus on originality and fun.

Date/time: Friday, October 3, 5pm - Saturday, October 4, 5pm

Cost: Free

**Maskibition hosted by The Ink People Center for the Arts in Eureka**

A display of artist made masks for performance or artistic enjoyment. The opening will include performance of masks and associated children's mask exhibit. Prizes will be given for: Best of Show, Best Performance Mask and Best Art Mask.

Dates: Saturday, October 4 – Saturday, October 25

**Play-in-a-Day, 10-Minute Play Festival hosted by Sanctuary Stage in Eureka**

Playwrights, directors and Actors will work over a 24-hour period to write, rehearse and perform Ten-Minute Plays.

Date: Friday, October 3 – Saturday, October 4

Cost: Free

**Arts Recognition Awards hosted by the Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County in Moraga**

Nominated by community members, four individuals and one organization that have made significant contributions to the enrichment of arts and culture in the county will be presented with the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County's Arts Recognition Award by a County Supervisor at a public celebration.

Date: Sunday, October 26 at 4pm

Cost: Free

**City of Oakland Evening of the Arts hosted by the City of Oakland Cultural Arts & Marketing Division**

Includes a public reception from 5:00-7:00pm featuring live performances, art displays and the projected media of the Illuminated Corridor and the Great Wall of Oakland, highlighting Oakland's diverse and innovative Arts community. We'll honor our 63 Cultural Funding Program grantees and kick off the new Oakland Arts Marketing Campaign. Featured performers: Stagebridge, Destiny Arts Center, Prescott Circus Theatre, CovRecords of Covenant House of California, calligraphy artist Minette Mangahas and graffiti artist Sam Mulberry. Refreshments will be provided. The Illuminated Corridor (7:14 to 10:00pm Kahn's Alley), a collision of public art, live music and film, will present a performance in three movements. Live musical accompaniment--bring your own FM radio and tune in! The "Food and Drink" show continues the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of programming on the Great Wall of Oakland, screening the finest in alternative and experimental film and video, past and present (7:30 to 9:30pm rear wall of 2201 Broadway Bldg). Presented by Metrovation, the City of Oakland Public Art Program, and the residents of the Broadway Grand.

Date: Friday, October 3

Cost: Free

**12th Annual North American All Youth Film & Education Day hosted by the Tower of Youth in Sacramento**

Best short movies produced by teen youth across US and Canada. Webcast live. Top California Media college reps & career vision industry speakers

Date: Friday, October 3; 8:30am-5:30pm  
Cost: \$10 Students, \$15 Adults

**Family Arts Appreciation Day hosted by Arts Council Silicon Valley in Morgan Hill**

A mini-arts festival specifically designed for children ages 3-5 with hands-on arts activities featuring local artists and organizations that reflect the rich cultural diversity of our region. Activities include face painting, storytelling, coloring, crafts, music, dancing, drumming and lots more!

Date: Friday, October 3  
Cost: Free

**Arts Education Forum: "Creating the Future" hosted by Silicon Valley Education Foundation in San Jose**

Join the Silicon Valley Education Foundation and the Commonwealth Club for a co-hosted public forum on arts education. Is there evidence that the arts can increase student achievement? And how can arts and arts education promote economic development? Join local educators, community leaders, arts advocates, CEOs, and parents as they explore the need for additional arts education programs and funding in the Silicon Valley. Registration required for the event.

Date: Monday, October 27  
Cost: Free

**SLO County Open Studios Preview Exhibition hosted by ARTS Obispo (San Luis Obispo County Arts Council) in San Luis Obispo**

Join ARTS Obispo in our gallery space for a digital preview exhibition of the works of 300 artists for the 10th Annual San Luis Obispo County Open Studios Art Tour. Slides of the work will be projected on the walls of ARTS Space Obispo during the opening reception. Many of the artists will be in attendance, and tour tickets with a full color 44-page catalog with maps to the studios will be on sale.

Date: Friday, October 3, 6-9pm  
Cost: Free

**Free Noontime Concert presented by the San Francisco Symphony**

The San Francisco Symphony and Resident Conductor Benjamin Schwartz will perform a free outdoor noontime concert featuring music from Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero Center. The SFS's annual downtown free concert is an autumn tradition, part of the orchestra's many activities aimed at making music accessible to everyone in the community and kicking off the Orchestra's 2008-09 concert season. This is the first SFS concert in Justin Herman Plaza since 1997.

Date: Friday, October 3  
Cost: Free

**Exhibit and Reception of the National Arts Program in Ventura County hosted by the Ventura County Arts Council**

Award ceremony and reception for the National Arts Program at Ventura County Exhibit for county employees and their immediate families. Nearly 200 entries are exhibited in the Hall of Administration Atrium Lobby. Refreshments will be served.

Date: Wednesday, October 8; 5:30-7:00pm  
Cost: Free

**2008 California Arts Day hosted by the Yolo County Arts Council in Woodland**

A day-long celebration at the Yolo County Erwin Meyer Administration Building and other public locations in Woodland will include the Crocker Art Ark, storytelling at the library, music, hands-on art activities for all ages, dance performances and an artists' reception at Gallery 625, showcasing the diversity of art opportunities in Yolo County. The day will conclude with a meet the artist wine and cheese reception at Gallery 625, upstairs in the Erwin Meyer Administration Building. The exhibition titled, "*The Yin and Yan of Yolo Ag*" continues throughout the month of October. It features the work of local artists who will be present this night to talk about their work.

Date: Friday, October 3; 11am-8pm, varied times for specific events  
Cost: Free

**Consultations and Reception Hosted by Quinn Associates Arts Management in San Francisco**

Festivities include hors d'oeuvres, wine, raffle prizes, and free 20-minute consultations. Reserve your free

20-minute consultation! Areas of specialization include: Fundraising, Board Development, Major Gifts, Corporate Partnerships, Annual Campaigns, Special Events, Strategic Planning, Executive Coaching, Public Relations/Marketing.

Date: Friday, October 3

Cost: Free